

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn: "My Love, Colours Outside the Lines" MV#138

Announcements

Offering:

Offertory: VU#537

Your work, O God, needs many hands to help you everywhere, and some there are who cannot serve unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work, our offering now we make: be pleased to use it as your own, we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offertory Blessing:

Generous God, you reveal your goodness and light through countless blessings and gifts.

Receive our offerings – a small portion of what you have given us –and through your church, reveal your goodness and grace to your world, in the name of Christ, our Lord, we pray, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

## SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE

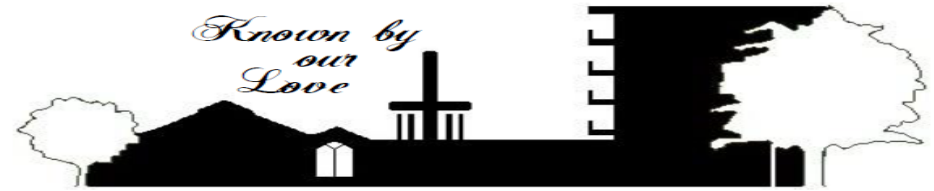
Hymn: "Who Is My Mother" MV#178

Benediction

Let us not linger too long on this mountain.  
Go and bear God's light to a world that longs for peace.  
May God our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter,  
walk with us now and forevermore. Amen.

Choral Benediction:

Go now in peace, never be afraid  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know God will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.



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*Emmanuel United Church shall be a caring,  
welcoming faith community, nurturing  
spiritual life and sharing God's love  
and grace as experienced in Jesus Christ.*

February 23, 2020 10:30am

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

If you are new to Emmanuel, we hope that you feel welcome and that your faith has been enriched through the worship today and that you may come again!

Please introduce yourself to our minister, Rev. Roni Beharry, & sign the Guest Book before you leave.

Rev. Roni EMERGENCY Contact: 1-416-271-5313  
*Please note that Rev. Roni is off Monday & Tuesday*

A special thank you to all participants in today's service.

Ushers: Bob and Judy Pronovost

Reader: Janie Clayton

Coffee Fellowship: Barb & JoAnne Maeck

Please join us for a time of fellowship and a  
**FREEWILL CHILLI LUNCH**, after our service,  
in the Bert Passmore Hall.

**WE GATHER**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

Welcome

**Territorial Acknowledgement:**

“We gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg people and, specifically, the Nipissing First Nation, the land they share with us as a result of the Robinson Huron Treaty. May we live in peace and friendship as a treaty people.”

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

God blesses us with high points in life,  
to help us bear the lows.

**Like mountain peaks that attract our eyes and lift up our hearts,**

**God’s blazing light shines for Moses on Mount Sinai, and through Jesus at his Transfiguration.**

In both cases, an unforgettable vision will help God’s sojourners find strength to endure future trials.

**May the mountaintop of this Sunday enable us to traverse life’s valleys and to proceed with courage as we enter a holy time of Lent. (*Christ candle is lit.*)**

**Greeting:**

*Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**WE ENTER INTO GOD’S PRESENCE**

**Call to Worship (Psalm 99):**

Come, praise the Lord Our God,  
and worship at God’s mountain.

**For the Lord our God is holy,  
full of compassion and grace.**

When God’s prophets cried out, God answered them,  
speaking in a pillar of cloud.

**Let all God’s people sing praises  
to God’s great and awesome name.**

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
You establish equity throughout the earth.  
**Let us worship God from the mountain tops  
Let us praise God’s holy name.**

**Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” VU#264**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**Forgive us when we overthink, when we try to control,  
or get carried away trying to rationalize the awe-filled  
moments of our lives...**

**Once more, you stop us dead in our tracks and you  
encourage us to attune our hearts to listen,  
to listen to your son, Jesus Christ, who leads us into life.  
Thank you God for your unfailing presence. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

The light of God’s grace shines upon us and through us.  
Knowing us completely, God accepts and loves us still.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Adapted from: The Abingdon Worship Annual, February 23, 2020. James Dollins*

**Choral Assurance of Forgiveness: (2x)**

**How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose wrongs are forgiven.  
How deep the peace, the confidence,  
of those whose hearts are healed.**

**Hymn: “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” VU#104**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24: 12-18

One: *Herein is Wisdom!*

**ALL: Glory to God, for God’s Holy Word.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 17: 1-9

One: *This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

**ALL: Glory to you O Christ.**

**Choir Anthem: “Arise, Shine” Robert Lau**

**Sermon: ‘Shining Examples of Faith’**

*Rev. Roni and Vindra Sahadeo, the North Bay Multicultural Centre.*